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LEAPYEARTHOUGHTS

As Brought Out in a Conversation With College Girls.

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Alleged Tendency Unfavorable to

Matrimony.

TO GIRLS

just learned about the calendar and women and I have been to talk the matter over with Vassar girls, only to be worse upset than before Do you know that after this year, girls

will not have another chance to propose for seven years? that by the arbitrary ruling of the calendar, to maintain the average of the years, the year 1900 will no be a leap year?

I thought I might inspire Vassar to lead a movement to have a new calendar legislated, which should insure to women the regular recurrence of their bissextile right to woo, but I have found Vassar girls are not the girls I dreamed them.

Those who are in town to give a dramatic performance tonight are six in number, all high in authority at Vassar. Miss Ida G. Kruse of Colorado is editor-in-chief of the "Vassarian," the college year book, which corresponds with similar publications of men's universities. Miss Lizzie Madeira of Washington is president of the Wake Robbin Club, a society devoted to the study of birds, one hundred different varieties of which, attracted by the opportunity for higher education doubtless, make their nests about Vassar. Miss Adele Luehrmann of Tennessee is president of the Qui Vive Club, the Debating Society of Vassar, and is also president of the Southern Club, an organization of the southern girls in the college. Miss Jessie Hart of New Jersey is president of the Alpha Chapter of the Philalethean Dramatic and Literary Society, and Miss Harriet Richardson, sister of 'Vassarian," the college year book, which Philalethean Dramatic and Literary Socie-ty, and Miss Harriet Richardson, sister of Dr. C. W. Richardson of Washington, is vice president of the same chapter. Miss Henrieite Scranton of Michigan is editor-in-chief of the Vassar Miscellany, the col-lege monthly. Miss Helena Hill, daughter of Congressman Hill of Connecticut, is editor of the '96 Class Book.

Individually and collectively these girls disappointed all my preconceived opinions of the effect of college training upon the gentle sex. For one thing, not a mother's daughter among them was chewing gum, though I have been told that wealthy girls at Vassar have their gum manufactured to order, as "smart" youths at Yale and Harvard have their cigarettes done—stamped with their crest or monogram. Then you know the brand of woman's shirt on the market called the "Vassar"—a hard-boiled, mannish thing. That's a libel, too, if you'll believe me. The real Vassar girl is essentially feminine in her attire. With my naked eye I could not discern so much as a suspicion of bloomers among them, and when I asked them frankly if there were any concealed about their persons, they looked me squarely in the eyes and answered no. They said that in the gymnasium they were obliged to take three hours' training in bloomers a week. For this they may substitute a bathing suit, and swim in season, or an empire gown, and do Delsarte, or, donning a short skirt over their bloomers, play basket ball.

"You play foot ball, do you not?" I asked. at Vassar have their gum manufactured

"No," they answered with one voice, how such a report ever got abroad. "We have our field day of athletic s "We have our field day of athletic sports," they said—"jumping, racing, tennis, and that sort of thing. But it is eminently proper, and we do not look at all like Charles Dana Gibson's dream of us in 'Life.' The girls at Smith's wear foot ball suits, but, while we play with a foot ball in our game of basket ball, we are never rough, and our dress is perfectly conventional. Except on field day, we play in an inclosure, where nobody can possibly see us."

Equal Rights of Men. "Do you train like men who go in for athletics at college?"

"No," answered a girl who has a record in basket ball for kicking, "we don't have any special training. We keep regular hours under all circumstances, and the most we do is to give up candy, though, really, no-body but freshmen eat a great deal of candy at any time."

at any time."

"Do you wear corsets?"

"Very few of us, but we have abandoned tight lacing not so much on account of athletics as because we no longer think it is pretty. It is impossible for girls to be graceful in corsets, we think."

"What do you argue in your debating society—the rights of woman?"

"Never; we do not like the New Woman and so do not take upon ourselves any of her concerns."

This was said so sweetly as to not possibly offend any New Woman who might have heard it, and any man present would have felt that Vassar is one delicious hope of preserving the equal rights of men, so free from aggressiveness, so unreal and traditional in their gentleness, the Vassar girls appear.

As to Co-Education. "Why do you not favor co-education of

the sexes?" I inquired. "Well, we debated the question in the Qui Vive Society recently, and it was decided that the principle is correct, but that practically it does not serve the highest purpose of either sex. A number of girls who had attended co-educational institutions gave testimony against the practice, and we all agreed that what is gained by breadth of experience a girl loses in deli-cacy of feeling, and a man loses in his esteem for women. There seems to be a certain sacrifice of reverence due woman resulting from the familiar intercourse of

resulting from the familiar intercourse of the sexes in college."

"How about falling in love?" I asked.
"Do you think it is compatible with a woman's higher education?"

They all expressed approval of the time-honored practice, and declared they believe the good comradeship developed by college associations broadens a girl's nature so that she is happier in her relations with men than the old-fashioned girl. But candidly, I must confess I failed to detect in the manner in which these girls discussed love anything to reassure the future of men.

men. Indeed, figures show that of the 1,805 wo-men enrolled on the register of the Asso-ciation of Collegiate Alumnae, only 28.2 per ent have husbands.
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All About Great Britain. The dispute regarding the Venezuelan

uestion between Great Britain and the

Inited States has brought these two counries prominently before the entire world. Beginning with page 176 and ending with page 180 of The Evening Star's New Almanae and Encyclopedia for 1896 will be found all about the Government of Great Britain, its Ministry, Courts of Law, its Army and Navy Officers, its possessions, area of square miles, population, reverue, public debt, imports and exports, educational and financial statistics, the annulties paid to the British Royal Family, etc. The Evening Star's Almanac also contains complete information regarding all of the other foreign powers, the recent war between the Japanese and Chinese and a mine of other facts, statistics and records regarding the entire world 25c. per copy. For sale at The Star office and all news stands.

TALK WITH STEPNIAK

He Believed in the Assassination of Czar

His Love of His Countrymen and

Its Institution

There have been so many misstatement oncerning the character of the late Sergius Stepniak's nihilistic policy, some being that he was in favor of peaceful means for overothers that he belonged to the violent wing of the nihilists, that a conversation I had with him during his visit to this country in '91 will, no doubt, be of interest to thos who were attracted to this strange character. In my capacity of newspaper reporter for a Chicago daily, I saw much of him during his stay in that city. We had many talks on the subject of Russia, during some of which he opened his heart pretty freely to me. He was a man of mest intense en ergy and singleness of purpose. His life

ergy and singleness of purpose. His life work was to obtain constitutional government for Russia. But he had no particular objection to the czar if that ruler would grant to Russia the constitution desired. To quote his own words:

"There must be a head to every nation. So long as there is a constitution to govern that head, it matters not whether he be a king, president or a czar. It is a sort of necessary evil, and I would no more object to having the czar around than an Irishman would to a pig in his kitchen, providing we had a constitution."

I asked him if he favored killing the czar, and he replied most emphatically that he

and he replied most emphatically that he did, so long as the czar declined to grant to the people of Russia the constitution craved. I asked him if he had faith in his purpose,

A War Prediction.

'Most certainly. I am fighting for the freedom of Russia. Russia will certainly be free. It cannot help being. Just when or how-ah, that is not easy to say. Should war come with any first-rate nation. Eussia would be defeated and constitutional government would surely follow. Russia is thought to be strong, but the war with puny

thought to be strong, but the war with puny Turkey considerably crippled her.

"My object in coming to America," he added, "is to arouse public sympathy in favor of constitutional government for Russia. George Kennan did most valuable work for us, and all he wrote was true. But after a time his influence will have died, and means for keeping alive public interest must be secured. No other man here for many years ever did so much as Kennan to fo/ter public opinion. This is what we want. Authentic intelligence of what is occurring in the czar's country is what is desired, and in Free Russia, a monthly published in London and New York, it is obtained.

tained.

"Yes, I am sorry to admit I am in favor of violence to obtain our end, and deeply in sympathy with the people who strive to kill the czar. I am in sympathy with any means to hasten the attainment of our ends. I prefer peaceful measures, if they will answer; otherwise, violent. But to aid us we must have public influence. I think that when the people of the world apprecise the awful horrors perpetrated by the czar and his followers we shall have it.

Kennan's Statements True. "A short time ago a lady in Washington asked the Russian minister what he had to say about Kennan's articles. He replied after some hesitation, that they were no

true. They were true," Stepniak cried, "and the minister knew it. But, of course, he cannot acknowledge it. He would like to have been able to prove them untrue. But he was not. Such reports as these humiliate the man. He has influence, and it is through the officials of Russia that we must reach the czar. Supplications and petitions will do us no good. The czar must be convinced by his officials that the government as run at present cannot continue. Then he will charge it. If the czar really believes that in constitutional illurity only. believes that in constitutional liberty only is the salvation of his government, constitutional liberty he will grant. Public opinion is what would actuate the czar's officials

ion is what would actuate the czar's officials and change the ruler as well.

"The Jews? Oh, the treatment they receive is terrible. It is uncalled for. And there will be no amelioration for them until Russia is free. And that can be made sure. There are 5,000,000 Jews in Russia. They cannot all leave the country. Those who must remain must suffer."

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"What would be the use of your killing the czar, so long as another man stands ready to succeed him?" I asked.

Continued Killing "Just this," Stepniak replied. "We will kill this czar, and his successor and his successor's successor, and so on until we get a czar who realizes that he cannot live until he grants us what we demand. When this is obtained, we will let him live in

peace."
"If there are many nihilists in St. Peters-burg, why don't they kill the ezar?" "Because his movements are never known beforehand. He does not always drive down one street; if he did it would be very easy for us to kill him."
"Would you kill the czar if you had a

chance?"

"Yes; I would kill him with no more feeling than I would have in killing a rat."

Stepniak was a great admirer of America. He never seemed to thre talking of the government under which we live. He pronounced it the noblest in the world. He spoke in detail of the enormous wealth of Russia, which needed only the education of the people under a constitutional government to develop to make her one of the richest nations in the world. Stepniak was a man most intensely in love with his counchance?" a man most intensely in love with his countrymen. He seemed always full of bitterness toward the czar and his men. His hatred of the czar was simply because of the ideas the czar held. He had nothing to the ideas the czar held. He had nothing to say against the great wealth possessed by individuals. His one central thought for the cure of Russia's ills was a constitutional form of government. That obtained, he would be willing to lay aside his sword and work for the grandeur of his country. I then put to him a question so frequently asked:
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He replied: "Tolstoi preaches the doctrine of non-resistance."

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The distinctive weapon of the Swiss was

The Halberd.

the halberd, which was their principal weapon at Morgarten and Laupen. It is curious to note how the Teutonic nations, even to this day, prefer the cut and the Latin nations the point. We have been told by German officers that when the German and French cavalry met in the war of 1870, the German swordblades always fiashed vertically over their heads, while the French darted in and out hor zontally in a succession of thrusts. Even the German dead lay in whole ranks with their swords at arm's length. So the English at Hastings worked havoc with their battle axes; the Netherland mercenaries carried a hewing weapon at Bouvines; the Flemings at Courtrai used their godendags fitted alike both for cut and thrust, and finally the Swiss made play with their halberds, an improvement on the godendag. The halberds had a point for thrusting, a hook wherewith to pull men from the saddle, and, above all, a broad, heavy blade. "most terrific weapons (valde terribilia)," to use the words of John of Winterthur, "cleaving men asunder like a wedge and cutting them into small pieces." One can imagine how such a blade at the end of an eight-foot shaft must have surprised galloping young gentlemen, who thought therealters invulnageable in their expects. flashed vertically over their heads, while

loping young gentlemen, who thoug themselves invulnerable in their armor His Infinite Resources

the Chicago Tribune. "I've got to have something to fill out this column with," said the foreman of "The Spiketown Blizzard," poking his head into the editorial sanctum. "That's all there is about it. I've run in all the dead ads, and all the catch lines and slugged everything out till there isn't even a piece of wood reglets left in the office, and I'm short yet half a dozen lines or more."

Whereupon Editor Clugston sat down-and wrote as follows: "Owing to the crowded state of our columns this week we are compelled to omit several interesting com-munications now standing in type. Friends will please bear wih us. Advertisers must be accommodated. Until the pressure on our columns has eased up correspondents will please write briefly and confine them-selves to simple statements of fact."